Triangle Park Chapter

THE LINKS, INC.

"A CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION"

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School of Law
North Carolina Central University
Durham, North Carolina

OVERVIEW

The Constitution of the United States is the first document in the history of the world written to establish a national government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Today, our Constitution marks its 200th anniversary. Now, and for the next three years, citizens across this state and nation will join together to review and reaffirm our common faith in the document which has become a pillar of stability to some and a beacon of hope to others.

"A Celebration of the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution," is sponsored by the Triangle Park Chapter under the umbrella of the National Trends and Services facet of The Links, Inc. Today's program is meant to be more than an occasion to address the concerns of women and minorities. It also presents an excellent opportunity for us to remember and acknowledge the contributions to our freedom and prosperity made by those generations who defended and sustained the Constitution over 200 years. By preserving this part of our national heritage for the benefit of our children and those who shall follow, we can continue our historic mission to "enhance the legacy and fulfill the dream."

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DR. HELEN G. EDMONDS

Helen G. Edmonds, Ph.D., L.L.D., L.H.D., a native of Lawrenceville, Virginia, is a distinguished history scholar, nationally acclaimed administrator and teacher, advisor and participant in national and international activities, and author of resource materials in Negro History.

Dr. Edmonds pioneered the role of black women in higher education and public service. She was the first black woman to receive a Ph.D. in history at Ohio State University; to become dean of a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in the United States; to receive the O. Max Gardner Award from the UNC System of Higher Education; to receive the William Hugh McEniry Award from the total colleges and universities of the State of North Carolina; and, to second the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Dr. Edmonds' academic preparation in United States History, and European diplomacy and international relations, includes an undergraduate degree from Morgan State University, an M.A. and Ph.D. from Ohio State University, and Post-doctoral Research and Study at the University of Heidelberg, West Germany. She has been awarded honorary degrees from eight colleges and universities, including Duke and Ohio State.

A past National President of The Links, Inc., Dr. Edmonds' work on behalf of the professional development and public recognition of women began early, with emphasis upon the emerging role of the American Black woman. Her initiatives throughout the last half century have helped to focus both government and public attention on Black American concerns.

Dr. Edmonds currently Professor emeritus, History Department, North Carolina Central University. In March, she will assume for one quarter the Martin L. King/Rosa Parks chair in Afro-American History at Western Michigan University. Her major research area is "The American Black Woman in the Political Process Since 1900."

LOUIS WESTERFIELD

Louis Westerfield, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, has been Dean and Professor of Law at the North Carolina Central University School of Law since 1986. He is an accomplished teacher, administrator, and author.

Dean Westerfield received his undergraduate degree in political science from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He received his law degree from Loyola University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana. He went on to obtain a master's degree in law from Columbia University Law School, New York, where he has done additional course work.

Before coming to North Carolina Central University, Dean Westerfield served with distinction on the faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Law, Loyola Law School, and Southern University Law School. He is a specialist in criminal law and procedure, and constitutional law. Additionally, he has served as an instructor in American Government, an assistant district attorney, and a legislative staff attorney.

Dean Westerfield comes to us with extensive civic involvement, having served as chairman of the Mississippi Advisory Committee on Civil Rights, vice chairman of the Board of the Loyola Institute for Human Relations, member of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, and the Louisiana Civil Liberties Union. He also served on the board of Big Brothers of New Orleans and the Dryades Street YMCA.

Dean Westerfield is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Among them are the Faculty Award for Most Outstanding Graduate of Southern University Political Science Department, the Ella Roy Award for Oustanding Community Service, Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Education by a Loyola Graduate, and the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Citation for Exemplary Experience that Honors Southern University. He has also received the United States Jaycees Outstanding Young Man in America Award.

Louis Westerfield has published extensively in the areas of criminal law and procedure, evidence law, and constitutional law. His book, *Louisiana Evidence Law*, is the authority in the field of evidence in that state.

Enhancing the Legacy . . .
Fulfilling The Dream

PROGRAM

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Registration & Coffee ..... Outer Lobby Exhibit — "We the People Participating in a Democracy ..... Main Lobby
10:00 - 12:00	FIRST SESSION ..... Moot Court Room Kaye Webb, Presiding
10:00 a.m.	Welcome
	Program Overview ..... Edna Earle Blue
	Introduction of Speaker .... LaFayette Lipscomb
	Address ..... Dr. Helen G. Edmonds "The Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution: A Woman's Perspective"
11:00 a.m.	Panel Discussion ..... Convenor: Phyllis Gray "Using National Celebrations to Strengthen Community Programs"
	Panelists: Dr. Thelma Lennon, Consultant NC Department of Public Instruction Dr. Deidre Batch Physician's Urgent Care Center Jeannie Lucas Administrator, Durham Public Schools Barbara Moore Area Director, Links, Inc.
12:00 noon	BREAK
1:30-2:45 p.m.	SECOND SESSION ..... Moot Court Room
1:30 p.m.	Opening ..... Kaye Webb
	Introduction of Speaker ... Yvonne Pugh Burford
	Address ..... Dean Louis Westerfield "Evolution of Civil Rights Under the U.S. Constitution"
	Introduction of Speaker ..... Alice Hughley
	Remarks ..... Rob Sikorski "Bicentennial Activities In North Carolina"
	Closing
3:00 p.m.	Reception ..... Main Lobby Exhibit Review & Signing of Constitution

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Triangle Park Chapter of The Links, Inc. is a public service organization whose primary purposes are to promote and engage in educational, civic, and intercultural activities; and, to enrich the lives of its members and the larger community by working to develop interests in common goals.

Since our establishment in 1984, the Triangle Park Chapter has implemented a variety of projects, which mainly serves the needs of young people. Our goal has been to enrich the lives of not only our local youth, but those in the international community as well.

We have tutored students in public schools and counselled pregnant teenage girls. These *services to youth* reflect one of the national organization's four major program facets.

As founders and organizers of the Friends of the Theatre at North Carolina Central University, we have demonstrated a strong commitment to the *arts*. Funds raised by Friends, $20,000 to date, are used by the Department of Dramatic Art to invite professional actors and playwrights, who conduct workshops and appear in performances at the university's theater. Also, the funds allow students to attend regional and national dramatic competitions and workshops in major cities.

Then in 1987 the Triangle Park Chapter, along with Link Chapters throughout the state, contributed the souvenir program which accompanied the collection of African, Oceanic, and New World art at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

To develop ties with youth in the *international* community, the chapter established Project TLC-International. We have collected educational supplies, including encyclopedias, maps and writing materials, to be sent to a village in Tanzania to enhance the educational development of its youth. The project is partially funded by a grant from the Christian Social Ministries Commission of the Eastern Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and private contributions.

Today's program, a focus on *national trends*, provides an opportunity for women, public school and college students, and the community to learn more about the Constitution, reflecting on those key issues and decisions that have expanded it to include minorities and women. It also affords the participants an opportunity to freely acknowledge the Constitution by signing it.

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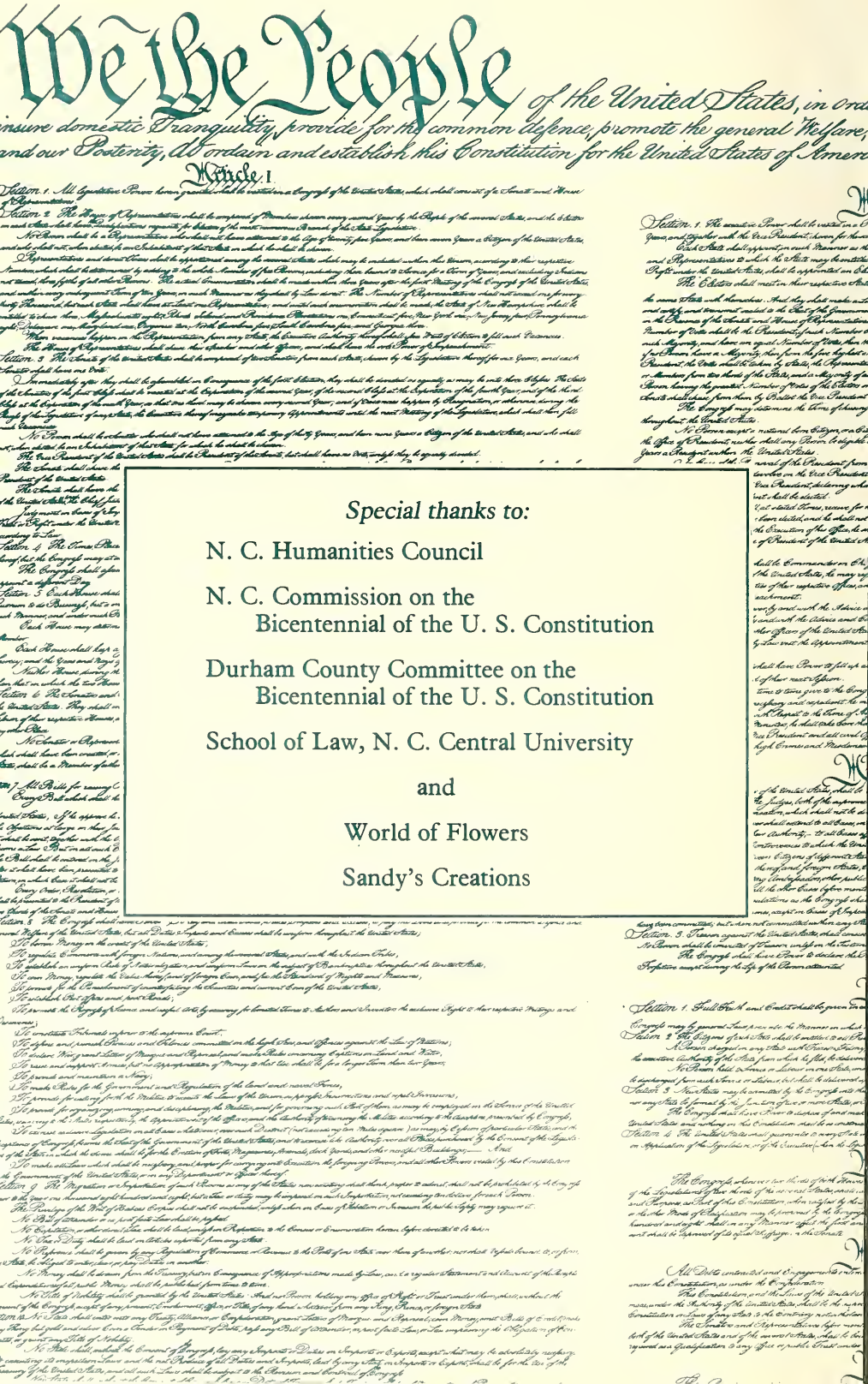

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